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USSR RAILROAD EQUIPMENT PLANTS
PRODUCE NEW ROLLING STOCK, IMPROVE OPERATIONS

SOVIET PLANTS PRODUCE NEW LOCOMOTIVES -- Moscow, Trud, 1 Aug 53

The Novocherkassk Electric Locomotive Building Plant imeni S. M. Budenniy has built an experimental eight-axle electric road locomotive, larger than any now in service.

This new locomotive is nearly twice as powerful as the VL-22 series now in operation. On 9-percent grades it can drag consists weighing up to 3,500 tons at speeds of more than 40 kilometers per hour.

The locomotive has recently completed initial testing in the Suram Pass on the Transcaucasus Railroad System and has now been assigned to the South Ural Railroad System for further testing.

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 15 Jul 53

The Khar'kov Transport Machine Building Plant has produced a new TE-2 gas-generator diesel-electric locomotive. This locomotive weighs 500 kilograms less than the previous TE-2 oil-burning models.

NEW RAILWAY SERVICE ELECTRIC MOTOR CAR -- Moscow, Gudok, 18 Sep 53

The Perovo Car Repair Plant imeni L. M. Kaganovich has built a four-axle railway service flatcar. On one end of the car is an electric crane and on the other end the operator's cab.

This new car is designed for carrying out capital repairs on the catenary network of electrified railroads. The task of replacing wooden masts with metal ones will be facilitated through the use of the crane. Electric welding equipment and an air compressor are mounted on the car.

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On nonelectrified sections the car can operate by means of its own storage batteries.

The car was built in accordance with specifications drawn up by the Electric Rolling Stock Administration of the Main Locomotive Administration, Ministry of Railways USSR.

ROLLER BEARINGS USED MORE EXTENSIVELY -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 19 Aug 53

The Dnepropetrovsk Locomotive Repair Plant is currently engaged in modernizing IS locomotives. Together with the medium repair of the locomotives, the plant is installing roller bearings in the tender journals. On 16 August 1953 the seventh such locomotive and tender were outshopped. This installation of roller bearings will permit speeds up to 70 kilometers per hour.

Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 23 Jul 53

The Moscow Car Repair Plant Pamyat' Revolyutsii 1905 is equipping wheel sets with roller bearings.

KRASNOVODSK TERMINAL INSTALLS NEW EQUIPMENT -- Ashkhabad, Turkmenskaya Iskra, 14 Aug 53

A large 10-ton bridge crane has been installed and is in operation in the diesel repair shop of the Krasnovodsk Locomotive Terminal. In addition, several electric jacks have been installed for raising the locomotives.

A steam hammer is under construction in the forge shop, and coal delivery to the boilers has been mechanized.

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